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EKSAARDE is a small village, 5'000 inhabitants, situated in the N-W. part of Belgium, between Ghent and Antwerp, 70 Km from the Northsea and 30 Km from the Scheldt, 5 m above sealevel. The ancient Frank invaders who came in in the first century, and mixed with the original population from Celtic origin, called the pastures of their communities an 'aard', and while oaks are still growing fast in our village its name is suffiently explicated.

The population speaks flemish, an other dutch dialect, and belongs to the Roman-catholic religion. Meanly it exists of peasants who work on their mostly not greater than 2-4 Ha. grounds, and grow intensively the feed for their cows and pigs.

While the young peasants now are going to the factory and are improving their life-standard, the workerspopulation is growing steadily, but in our part of the Flanders there stays always a great deal of unemployement.

In our village it is good to live, there is no luxury, but if you want to eat some specialities of the country.... you have only to visit me.

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